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**The British Columbian.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1886.

**THE CANYON CREEK DIGGINGS.**

We are indebted to the politeness of the Hon. H. M. Ball, Acting Colonial Secretary, for the following report from W. R. Spalding, Esq., with the accompanying letter from Mr. Charles Waldron, who has just returned from a prospecting tour on Canyon Creek, in the Cariboo country. According to Mr. Waldron's statement, which is no doubt thoroughly reliable, the newly discovered diggings on Canyon Creek promise to be second to none yet discovered in that highly unexplored region of country. We have much pleasure in laying these documents in *extenso* before our readers:—

Mr. Spalding to the Acting Colonial Secretary:

QUESNEL, July 17th, 1886.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of His Honor the Officer Administering the Government that Mr. Charles Waldron, of Soda Creek, who left here on the 21st ult. with a party of six men, for the purpose of further prospecting the late gold discoveries in the neighborhood of Canyon Creek, has returned to this place today, and that his report to me as to the richness and extent of the country over which he has prospected, is most satisfactory, and has, I think, placed beyond all doubt that these new diggings will, when worked, prove of equal value to any that have hitherto been discovered in this Colony.

I enclose for His Honor's consideration Mr. Waldron's letter to me on the subject, and would suggest that it should be made public, as it may have a most beneficial effect in inducing miners to make their way to the locality named as speedily as possible.

It is the intention of Mr. G. B. Wright, who is at present here, that the steamer "Enterprise" shall ply between the mouth of Cottonwood River and Quesnel, as soon as passengers and freight will warrant it.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,) W. R. SPALDING.

Mr. Waldron to Mr. Spalding, J. P. QUESNEL, July 17th, 1886.

SIR,—I beg to make you the following report of the proceedings of our party of six men.

We left this place on the 21st of June and reached Hixon's Creek on the 26th inst. Of course we found it necessary in the first place to saw lumber for shingles, and to construct a ditch to bring water on our claim. Owing to the scarcity of all kinds of tools the latter work occupied us ten days, although only one-fourth of a mile in length. The original ditch made by Mr. Hixon's party had, in its absence, become completely filled up. Owing to the presence of snow and ice on the ground we found it almost impossible to keep our new ditch in order, and having left the water running during one night in a break which occurred I found in the morning prospects of \$1.00 to \$1.25 to the pan.

We therefore commenced work in that spot, and in a space of ground about 10 feet by 25 feet, in less than a day's work we washed out \$76.

The other work which we had done had yielded well, and our whole results amounted to \$270.

Estimating the actual number of days work to realize this, we found our pay had amounted to \$17 per day per man. Under favorable circumstances and with hydraulic pipe, with our present prospects, I think the ground will pay fifty dollars a day to the man. When I left the "face" of our claim was about 6 feet high, and paid from the surface down.

The "Blue Lead Co." of seven men, under the management of Mr. Shepherd, joining us on the upper side, have not yet commenced washing. Their dirt prospects from three to five bits to the pan. They are bringing in their ditch twenty feet higher than ours, and will probably have it completed in about 8 days.

The "Go-a-head Co." are about half a mile above the Blue Lead Co., and have struck a prospect of four bits to the pan on slate bed rock. Up to this company the whole of the bed-rock consists of a rather soft sandstone, and it is my opinion that it is not solid, but that a second layer of gravel will be found beneath it.

These are all the companies at present located.

Specimens of gold-bearing quartz are to be met with on all sides. We have a few specimens with us in which the gold is visible in every part. Several of the veins are apparently well defined, and will in my opinion eventually form the most permanent and valuable leads of gold in the country.

The next four weeks will enable all the companies now on the creek to thoroughly test their ground.

Hixon's Creek is a tributary of Canyon Creek, and resembles Keithley's; it is sometimes very high, but liable to sudden changes, and I should estimate its volume of water at one thousand inches. The

general course of the stream is nearly parallel with the Fraser. It has its source in the "Blue Range" of the Cariboo mountains, is about 26 miles in length, and has a very great fall. It will, if gold-bearing throughout, afford employment for several thousand men.

The mouth of the Cottonwood River is the terminus of steam navigation from Soda Creek.

In conclusion I can only say that I have the utmost confidence in the prospects of the creek. The developments of the present season will, I hope, prove that I am not too sanguine.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,) CHAS. WALDRON.

FROM BIG BEND.

The news from this section of country is anything but cheering, although from what we can gather from various sources, the mines are likely to turn out better, upon the whole, than many who have returned therefrom are willing to admit. Several claims on French and McCulloch's Creeks are paying good wages, but the mines are not nearly so extensive as they were represented to be. We are told by a gentleman direct from the mines that there will probably be a profitable field for two or three hundred miners in that section of country, but says it is very unlikely that a larger number of men will remain in these diggings.

The steamer Forty-Nine met with a serious accident on Thursday the 17th, coming through the canyon at Little Dalles. She had got part of the way up when a stick got foul of the rudder after making the rope fast. As she steamed out into the stream, the current struck her and completely tore the rudder out of her bows, ripping all the deck up forward, but fortunately without injuring but one man slightly, who was struck by a splinter. She backed through the rille without striking her wheel, or receiving any other injury. She had about 30 tons of freight on board, and a few passengers.

At Seymour business was very dull. Some goods were going over to the creeks, and about \$700 in dust had been received from the diggings on Adam's Lake. News had been received that a party wishing to go up the river were not allowed to proceed unless they paid the Indians for a canoe and a guide, and as the party were unarmed and did not wish to be stopped they *patented* \$15 for four persons, and were permitted to go up to the lake—twelve or fourteen miles, where they were prospecting. The rest of the men at the mouth of the river, fifteen or twenty, threatened to go and raise a crowd of "Bostons" and clean them out, so a messenger was dispatched to the old chief down to Kamloops, and he gave permission for the whites to go up the river. Some few availed themselves of this permission, but the diggings are not thought much of.

Some parties are prospecting on another creek or river about 15 miles from Seymour, but nothing definite was known.

The settlers on the lake and river below Little Shuswap Lake, complain of hostile feeling shown by the Indians, who claim 60 miles' reservation on the opposite side of the river. The pioneers have been fired in numerous places, and wherever they have attempted to be cut the prairie is sure to be set on fire. A settler, who commenced building a house on the Indian side of the river, was driven off and the grass fired on his pre-emption. Miles and miles of pasture are burning.

**ITEMS FROM THE TRIBUNE.**

We regret to have to announce a terrible accident that happened at Boston Bar last week, depriving a fine young man, named Frederick Enderlin, of life. It appears that deceased and his brother Alexander had been mining at Boston Bar, on the Fraser River, for some years past, and that on Monday last a cave took place in the bank which carried Frederick into the river, burying him several feet below the surface. His remains were not got out until Thursday, when an inquest was held by Mr. Enderlin, J. P., and a verdict returned of accidental death—"Black Hawk," so well known in Yale, is reported to have made a fortunate strike in a bank claim that had been abandoned by its former owners on French Creek. He washed up 17 ounces in one day of coarse gold. The woods in the neighborhood of Yale caught fire last week and burned for several days, when it was extinguished without doing much damage. We deeply regret to learn that Mon. B. Deffis has met with a serious accident in his claim on French Creek, by some timber falling on him. Messrs. Uriah Nelson & Co. received 75 ounces of Big Bend dust last week from their business house at Seymour. Yale road tolls for week ending 22d July, \$801.99.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—In another column will be found the Hon. Mr. Brew's annual proclamation to the citizens of New Westminster, calling upon them to nominate their municipal representatives for the ensuing year. As the period for the exercise of this great privilege is drawing nigh, we hope the rate-payers of the city will give the subject that careful consideration which its importance demands, and be prepared at the proper time to elect to the Municipal Council such men as will devote a fair share of their time and energies to the work of looking after the general interests of the municipality. A more important duty than this does not devolve upon the citizens of New Westminster, and it is sincerely to be hoped that no man who has a property interest within the corporation will treat the subject lightly, or fail to exercise his municipal franchise in such a manner as will, in his judgment, be promotive of the present and permanent welfare of the city.

NOMINATIONS.—At a meeting of the Hyack Fire Company, held on Monday evening, Mr. Wm. Johnston, Captain of the Company, was put in nomination for the office of Chief Engineer, and Mr. Joseph Armstrong, Assistant. Mr. L. Leleivre was chosen Steward of the company, *vice* Mr. Harris, resigned.

FROM VICTORIA.—The Governor's steam yacht Leviathan, with the Administrator of the Government and suite on board, arrived hence from Victoria on Monday evening. Not having any files of papers on board, we are without later news from the neighboring Colony.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for week ending Saturday, July 21st.—Duties \$2,001.85; harbor dues \$46.02; head money \$34.00; tonnage dues \$363.75; inland navigation licenses \$90; fees \$0. Total \$3,444.62. Number of passengers 34.

**TELEGRAPHIC.**

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE "BRITISH COLUMBIAN."

**EUROPEAN.**

Paris Presse says the following terms were proposed to the representatives of the belligerent powers:

"That the German Confederation be dissolved, and that another be established of which neither Prussia nor Austria shall form a part; no cessations to be demanded by Austria; the abandonment by the latter of her claims in the Duchies, and in place of war the indemnity at first demanded by Prussia; the incorporation of Schleswig-Holstein, Hesse, Cassel, Hesse Darmstadt and Brunswick with Prussia. The population of the Prussian Kingdom would thereby be raised to 25,000,000. The Rhine to constitute the western frontier of Prussia, and the provinces between the Rhine and Moselle serve as an indemnity to the sovereign dispossessed by war. An exchange of territory to take place between Baden and Bavaria, which will give the former nearly the whole of the Rhenish Palatinate; Saxony, Hanover and the Duchies of Saxony to conclude a military convention with Prussia; the inhabitants of London to choose whether they shall belong to France or Baden; the population of the Valley of Sarne to choose between French and Rhenish sovereigns.

La France says, the Prussian conditions are the exclusion of Austria from the Germanic Confederation; assuming the exclusive command of the military and naval forces of the Confederation by Prussia, as well as the diplomatic representatives of Germany abroad, and the annexation to Prussia of the Duchies as part of her territory already occupied.

La France also says, the Emperor Napoleon at once sent these conditions to St. Petersburg and London, as raising a question of European interest, which can only be settled by a Congress of the Great Powers.

**CALIFORNIA.**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—Eastern line being out of order beyond Laramie, up to four o'clock, p. m., no report was received for the evening paper. The line is now working well to Chicago and New York.

The U. S. steamer Saginaw, which sailed recently for Victoria and Petropavlovsk, encountered a very heavy storm and returned to Mare Island to refit; extent of damage not reported.

A disease among cattle has been reported in San Joaquin County. They swell and die suddenly.

No later gold quotations than those of yesterday; for the previous day the quotation was gold 150 1/2 and sterling 109. Legal tenders 70 1/2 buying, and 71 1/2 selling. Money easy at 1 1/4.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Eastern line down beyond Laramie, no Eastern report received. A private telegram dated New York 21st, with intelligence from London to 12th, contains words of peace on the continent; no particulars.

The steamer Continental, which left Guaymas July 13, and Mazatlan 16, arrived to-day. She brings \$57,525 in treasure. She left in port at Guaymas the French men-of-war Victorie, Rhin, Venus and Lucifer.

Since the disbanding of a number of local militia companies, under the operations of the new law, many are reorganizing under the old name, and purpose keeping up the organization, and will purchase arms and equipments at their own expense.

It is stated that a Mrs. Denny shot at Mrs. DeWolf, widow of the late Captain DeWolf, of the Brother Jonathan, in an office on Washington street this morning. No warrant issued.

Fare to New York by the opposition steamer, Moses Taylor: First cabin, \$100; second cabin, \$60; steerage, \$35. The steamship Constitution, which left Panama on the 9th, where she connected with the steamer, which left New York on the 1st, arrived to-day.

The news from Bogota is important, and indicates a general revolution throughout the republic.

Valparaiso dates are to June 17th, and Callao to June 20th. News unimportant from South America.

Gold in New York on Saturday, 150 1/2. Legal tenders are quoted in this market at 70 1/4.

Arrived.—British bark Padaga, 77 dys from Manila, via Yokohama, 45 dys; bark Legal Tender, 10 days from Port Madison; ship Asia, Utsalady. Sailed, bark Torrent, Puget Sound; Hamburg bark Tuisco, Sydney; Russian schooner Milton Badger, Honolulu; ship Prima Donna and Prussian bark Matilie, Hong Kong.

**MEXICO.**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—The Eastern line is still out of order beyond Julesburg.

Advices from Sonora to the 5th, and Mazatlan the 6th.

The Imperial Consul of Mexico reports numerous insignificant fights between the opposing forces in Sonora, but affairs on the western coast are substantially unchanged.

Advices from the City of Mexico are to June 10. The official paper of the Emperor speaks very disparagingly of him; the Emperor had ordered a draft to fill up the reorganized army corps; the draft will commence on the fifteenth July next; the Liberals are already preparing to dispose of renegade Mexicans whom the French troops have.

A series of important attacks and withdrawals with doubtful victories on both sides are reported.

News from Mexico confirms the capture of Matamoros by the Liberals.

Gen. Mejia had arrived at Vera Cruz. The port towns being cut off from the interior, under military rule, trade was emphatically dull, beyond hope of revival until the withdrawal of the French troops.

To the Editor of the British Columbian.

SIR,—I have a grievance. I attend the English Church here, and naturally wish to join in the service as well as I can. But a gentleman sitting near me makes my wish impossible.

He evidently gives the responses in an extra loud tone, for the purpose of leading his less highly gifted neighbors, who are not so well up in the Church of England service. I should not complain so much of that, if he were correct; but either his version of the Book of Common Prayer differs materially from mine, or else finding the minister gaining ground, he makes the running with his version, and tries to catch up.

The result is unpleasant to a degree. That you may judge how much we are indebted to his amateur clerkship, I subjoin the Lord's Prayer as rendered by my friend.

N. B.—It's don't count.  
(Loud.) Father, art in heaven—thy name—come—on earth 'tis in heaven—day our daily bread—give us our trespasses as 'give them trespass' against us—'not into temptation—b'live us from evil, thine's kingdom, power, glory—and ever—Amen!

Yours, sorrowfully,  
ECCLESIASTICS.

[We insert the above communication, not that we think it will be of much interest to our readers generally, but if it should have the effect of correcting the gentleman's style of reading to whom it alludes, a not unimportant point will be gained.—Ed.]

**New Advertisements.****NOTICE**

IS hereby given that Theophile DeNouveau of the town of Lytton, British Columbia, hath by Indenture bearing date the Twelfth day of July, A. D. 1886, and made between the said Theophile DeNouveau of the first part, John Wilkie and Emil Satro, of Victoria, V. I., of the second part, and the several other persons whose names and surnames are thereunto subscribed and set being respectively creditors of the said Theophile DeNouveau, of the third part, conveyed and assigned, in manner therein mentioned, all his estate and effects for the benefit of all the creditors of him, the said Theophile DeNouveau, who should execute the said Indenture within ninety days from the date thereof and such deed was duly executed by the said Theophile DeNouveau on the Fourteenth day of July, instant, and such execution was attested by Henry P. P. Crease, of New Westminster, Attorney-General for British Columbia, and by the said John Wilkie and Emil Satro, on the Twelfth day of July, instant, and such execution was attested by E. C. Holden, of Victoria, V. I.

DRAKE & JACKSON,  
Solicitors for the Assignees.  
Dated this Sixteenth day of July, A. D. 1886.  
jy21tc

**NOTICE.****AUCTION SALE!**

On Friday, the 3d August next,

.....IN.....

**WEBSTER'S STONE BUILDING,**

I will hold an Auction Sale of

Groceries, Provisions, Furniture,

.....AND.....

Other Miscellaneous Articles.

HENRY V. EDMONDS,  
Auctioneer.

N. B.—Parties wishing to dispose of goods at this sale are requested to send them in on or before the 31st inst.

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**NOTICE.**

FROM the first day of June next the British Columbia Mill Company, Limited, will sell Lumber for cash only.

W. B. WILSON, Secretary.

New Westminster, May 28, 1886. m30tc

**New Advertisements.**

In the matter of S. Popper & Co., Mouth of Quesnel, British Columbia.

TAKE Notice that Simon Popper and Siegfried Wertheimer, trading under the name and style of S. Popper and Company did, on the 4th day of July instant, assign all their estate and effects unto Jules Rueff, of Victoria, V. I., for the benefit of their creditors.  
(Signed,) DRAKE & JACKSON,  
Solicitors to Assignee.  
jy21tc

**CHEAP FARES!****BARNARD'S STAGES!**

In order to give parties who may wish to try the new diggings on Canyon Creek, an opportunity to do so with as little loss of time and at as small an expense (consistent with comfort) as possible,

**BARNARD'S STAGES**

Will carry passengers from

YALE TO QUESNELMOUTH.....\$48 00

YALE TO SODA CREEK.....40 00

To take this stage, passengers must leave New Westminster by Saturday's steamers for Yale.

These stages lay over at convenient places at night for rest, and never fail to connect with the steamers.

FARE TO SAVANNA.....\$25 00

jy11 1m F. J. BARNARD.

**H. E. SEELYE,****ACCOUNTANT,**

DEBTS Collected, Loans Negotiated, and a General Agency Business transacted.

OFFICE—Colonist building, Langley street, Victoria, V. I. jy11tf

**CAUTION.**

ALL persons are hereby warned against

A buying, negotiating, or in any way dealing with any notes of hand, or Bills of Exchange drawn by any person or persons in favor of E. T. DODGE & Co. late of Port Douglas, B. C., or of Edwin T. Dodge, or George C. Bent, respectively, or with any or either of their goods, chattels, property or effects.

(Signed,) DRAKE & JACKSON,  
Solicitors.  
New Westminster, June 29, 1886. j29

**I. LYONS,****WATCH AND CLOCKMAKER!**

COLUMBIA STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER.

WATCHES and Clocks cleaned and repaired, and warranted to keep time.

Jewelry neatly repaired.

Orders from the interior are invited and will receive particular attention.

New Westminster, June 16th, 1886. j16

**JAMES ELLARD,**

(SUCCESSOR TO G. FERNANDEZ.)

**IMPORTER**

AND DEALER IN

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,

FRONT STREET. ap11tc

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**FISK & GREENEBAUM,**

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

General Merchandise,

—AT—

**LILLOOET AND CLINTON, B. C.**

Furs and Farmer's Produce taken in Exchange at Highest Market Rates. jyl7tc

**Public Notice.****Western Union Telegraph Co.**

NOTICE is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that this Company is not, and will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any person whomsoever in its service or employ, (whether temporarily or otherwise), unless every such debt shall have been previously expressly authorized by either James W. Pitfield, Charles R. Burrage, or myself; who alone are empowered to contract any debts on behalf of the Company in British Columbia or Vancouver Island.

Dated Head Telegraph Office, New Westminster, 9th January, A. D. 1886.

ED. CONWAY,  
Assist. Engineer.

**P. L. ANDERSON & CO.,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

**BUTCHERS,**

—AND—

**CATTLE DEALERS.**

Families, Hotels & Shipping

SUPPLIED WITH MEAT AND VEGETABLES AT SHORT NOTICE.

New Westminster Market.

Fresh Lean Lard and pure Pork Sausages, every morning.

Columbia street, next door to Armstrong's Store.

New Westminster, Feb. 9, 1886. fe10tc

**New Advertisements.****NOTICE.**

In consequence of Mr. S. Baxter being about to remove, our Power of Attorney formerly held by him has been transferred to Mr. Walter B. Gladwin, who is authorized to close up all outstanding business, and transact further business on our account in Yale.

It is requested that all accounts due us will be settled with Mr. Gladwin without delay.

LENEVEU & CO.  
May 31st, 1885. j6tc

**COLONIAL HOTEL,**

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

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**Messrs. Grelley Brothers**

Have added to their comfortable

**Hotel and Restaurant,**

A SLENDID

**Billiard Saloon,**

In which will always be found the best

**DRINKS AND CIGARS.**

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In connection with the above they have opened a Store stocked with the choicest Brands of

WINES, LIQUORS,

ALES, PORTER,

BRANDIES, RUM,

CIDER, SYRUPS,

CORDIALS, BITTERS, &c.,

which they will sell by the bottle, gallon, in case.

—ALSO—

**THE BEST BRANDS OF****CIGARS,**

Havana, Manila and Cheroots.

New Westminster, July 18, 1882. jy19

**W. J. ARMSTRONG,****IMPORTER.****Wholesale and Retail**

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**GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

COLUMBIA STREET,

**New Westminster**

jestc.

**LOWE BROTHERS,****Commission Merchants,**

AND IMPORTERS OF

**PROVISIONS, GROCERIES,**

FRENCH WINES,

LIQUORS, HAVANA CIGARS,

Naval Stores, Rope, Canvas, Oars, &c., &c.,

**WHARF STREET**

my26 VICTORIA, V. I. to

**GOVERNMENT ASSAY OFFICE!**



